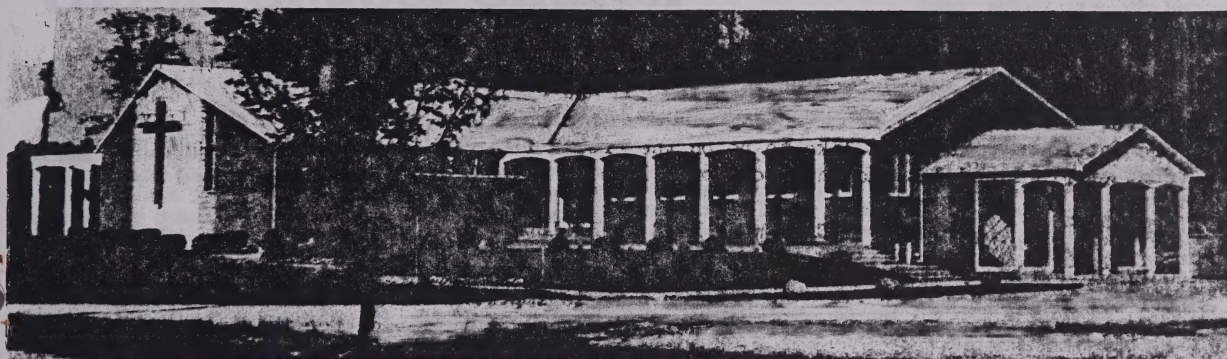


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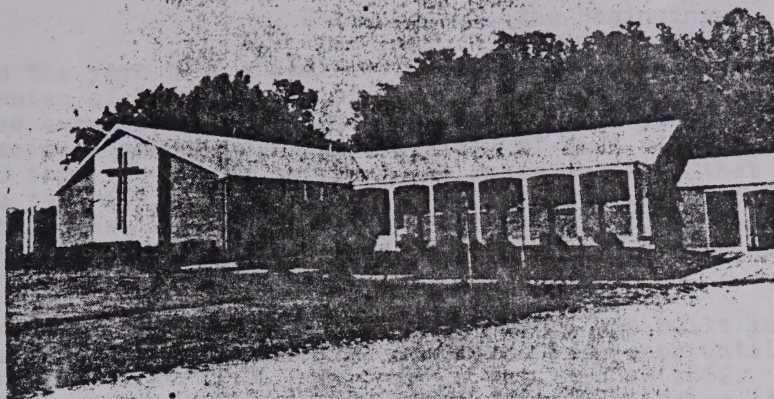
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Fort Wayne, Indiana



Union Chapel Church celebrates 125th anniversary

The 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Union Chapel United Brethren Church will be this Sunday, Oct. 18. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour will feature an old fashioned Sunday School theme. The Worship service at 10:30 a.m. will feature the message by Bishop C. Ray Miller and excellent music and skits from past events.

There will be a carry-in dinner and old fashion carriage rides. The 1:30 p.m. service will feature events from the past, and will be highlighted by the music of the Redemption Quartet from Fort Wayne. The pastor and congregation want to give a warm invitation to those who would like to attend.

For over 100 years a familiar sight on the way to Fort Wayne has been the Union Chapel United Brethren Church. The church stands on the corner of Coldwater and Union Chapel

roads. During the horse and buggy days, the church was a good place to stop between the two cities because it had a long porch on the side where people could hitch their horses and rest in the shade. The church was brought into existence in 1856 when the Perry Township Academy stood on the corner of Gump Road and Coldwater Road.

The issue the group of people embraced was the "Depravity of Man." The people who embraced the issue saw that man was lost in his sin and had no hope without Jesus Christ. They saw the necessity of men being converted through repentance of sin and inviting Jesus Christ into their hearts as personal Savior. They knew that only the Atonement and blood of Jesus could cleanse from all sin. With these strong beliefs the people worked together to build a church. In 1858 the people got together in a neighborly fashion and erected the one room building that lasted for over 100 years.

The highlight for the church for many years was its once a year Sunday School Picnic. People would come from all over the countryside to enjoy the event. They would have a band, horse parades, various groups from the community would set up booths and the event lasted the entire day. It was usually held the first Saturday in August. Newspapers often wrote up the events. The event was usually held in a grove of trees on the Union Chapel Road.

After many years, the congregation had a decision to make. The rural population was moving out, the church was not progressing and the building was falling apart. There was some thought from the Conference of the United Brethren Church to close it. Instead, they heard the plea of the faithful members telling them that a community was going to be built south of the church and that it was necessary for the church to be rebuilt. Under the direction of Rev. Robert Staup, now pastoring at Hudson, a new structure was built. For the first time the church had running water, toilet facilities, a good furnace and classroom space. The Conference helped in the expenses. It was dedicated on Feb. 10, 1953 by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. A parade was held going from the old church to the new facility.

In 1967 it was necessary for another bridge to be crossed. The congregation decided that they needed a full-time pastor. Throughout the entire history of the church it had been a circuit church on the Maysville Circuit. The Conference again felt it was necessary to help the church financially to support a pastor. Rev. Frank A. Winterhalter was sent as the church's first full-time pastor. Within a few months the parsonage was purchased in Mardego Hills. The congregation grew rapidly and in a few years it was necessary for them to enlarge the sanctuary and add on a christian education unit.

In 1971 the annex and completely renovated building was changed from one of traditional decor to one of Early American. There was a fifty per cent increase in the seating capacity, 10 new classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall and pastor's study and office area. The congregation has been an energetic and for the most part a younger congregation. Many of the people moving into the area have found it a good family church. It has endeavored to meet the needs of the total family. It has tried to lift up Jesus Christ as Lord in all situations. One of the strong emphasis in the church has been its missionary program.

Mrs. Dora Tonkel and Miss Hazel Steager will be the Honorary Chairmen for the event. Dora is the oldest living member of the church. She has been at the church since 1927. She has served many offices in the church. For many years she was a member of the church's Administrative Board. She has been a member of the Ladies Aide (now WMA) just about as long as she can remember. Miss Steager came from the oldest family at the church that dates back to 1910. Hazel has held just about every office in the church.

Rev. Frank Winterhalter was pastor of the church from 1967 to 1976. He then moved to Garrett and lives at 303 South Lee street. Pastor Gary Graham followed him and was pastor for two years then took the job as Director of Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, Mich. Rev. Winterhalter was asked to return to the church and has been pastoring there for the last three years.

Union Chapel, the Beginning

In the year 1856 a Seminary, Perry Center Academy, was built near the center of Perry Township. It was in this school our church first met and was organized. The issue that was debated at the time that Union Chapel became a church was the "Depravity of Man". The people who got together to form the church embraced the issue and felt that man was totally lost as the result of the "Fall of man in the Garden of Eden." Thus they saw the necessity of man having a personal Savior. People saw the need for repentance of sin and the forsaking of sin as the result of receiving the Savior.

The Union Chapel United Brethren Church was built in 1858. When the church was founded we were in the Michigan Conference until 1862. The first session of North Ohio Conference was held in 1862. Present members remember hearing their parents tell of the building of the church 'in a neighborly fashion', with men of the community erecting the structure out of the plentiful timber then at hand.

The church was on the Maysville Circuit with churches in Maysville, Hopewell, Union Chapel, Mayhew and Cedarville. The circuit dissolved in 1910. A new circuit was formed and became the Hopewell Circuit, which included Hopewell, South Scipio and Union Chapel. It remained until 1955. South Scipio was not added until 1932. South Scipio is East of Harlan, Ind. A Revival in the year of 1904 yielded 69 conversions and 48 members joined the church on the circuit.

It is believed the church was built originally with just a few steps leading to its door, but later a long porch was added along the entire width to aid members in mounting and dismounting from the buggies. The porch was removed, however, in 1910, and the vestibule and bellfry were added under the pastorage of Rev. Samuel Cunningham.

The land for the church was given originally by Henry Bowser. Later in 1892 this acre of land in Section 27 Coldwater Road was deeded to the United Brethren in Christ Church by Margaret Bowser. It was in January 1927 that the church first installed electric lights, and later that year received the pulpit and pews from the Mayhew Chapel United Brethren Church, which had been closed. These were transported by teams and hayracks by Delmar Tonkel and Charles Steager with the help of the pastor, Rev. Clinton Anderson. These same pews and pulpit, refinished by the women of the congregation, were moved into the first new addition of the present building, and some are still used within the building.

In 1900 the Church participated in the joint efforts to establish a camp site at Hillsdale, Mi. All Conference churches participated. In the year 1906 North Ohio Conference experienced 631 conversions and 288 Reclaims. Also in 1906 Sister Flava Gerber received her Annual Conference license to preach.

Historic Sunday School Picnic held through the years:
The day was set, the first Saturday in August, for our annual Sunday School picnic. The grove, one half mile from the church, was ready. Every fallen branch picked and burned; the stage, consisting of three flat-bottom hayracks set on timbers, and against a large tree for a background, was ready. The refreshment stand was a counter enclosure built around more wagons. The refreshments, not available every day to simple country folk, would be stocked in abundance for the picnic. There's candy, ice cream, soda pop, chewing gum, bananas, peaches, watermelons, etc.

Rugs were put down on the hayracks for a temporary stage floor, the American flag hung from a tree, and reams of red, white and blue bunting draped the stage posts and background.

Folks began to arrive in single buggies and carriages; the automobile not yet changing "our way of life." The marshalls were kept busy escorting visiting schools into the picnic grounds. First, would appear their marshalls on horseback, then, one or more picnic wagons filled with young folk, and behind them as many buggies and carriages as it took to haul the older folk.

The picnic wagons were simply farm wagons with temporary tops, highly decorated with flags and strips of bunting. Each Sunday School brought their banner. There were Methodist, United Brethren, Baptist, and one Salem Reformed school represented. Our school loaned chairs to St. Vincent Catholic Church for their picnic, and we borrowed their tables. All this was a fine example of neighborliness, and Christian unity. Besides the various schools in attendance, the entire country-side turned out for the picnic regardless of whether they belonged to a Sunday School or not.

The band entertained in the forenoon, while folks met their friends, talked weather, crops, and politics, or favorite jokes. In the afternoon stage events were added. Anyone with a musical instrument could entertain. There was also group singing. Good speakers were available; the ministers, lawyers or candidates for public office. The picnic was also a great place for boy meet girl, dressed in their best, and on their good behavior. Many a romance blossomed here to culminate later in marriage.

The picnic didn't break up until the sun was setting. It accomplished two things; it furnished a happy day for those in attendance and it made a little money for the church. Besides the picnics, there were weddings, barn raisings, school activities, harvesting the crops, and sickness and death to be shared. Many great friendships were built up among families that have endured over the years.

In 1918 a Quarterly Conference license to preach was granted to Arthur L. Custer. In 1920 a Quarterly Conference license was granted to U.S. Wertenbarger's wife Celia to preach the Gospel. (U.S. was pastor at the time.) In 1933 Lawrence Rodenbeck was granted a license to preach. He has served faithfully in the North Ohio Conference as a pastor for 48 years. He is presently serving the Kunkle U.B. Church in Kunkle, Ohio.

The Union Chapel Christian Endeavor Union started in 1924 and continued through 1976. It was for many years lead by Misses Hazel and Joy Steager. They were both quite active in the World Christian Endeavor Union. They traveled to many of the C.E. Conventions in this country and abroad.

In the year 1929 Mrs. Ella Bellinger, a member of the congregation, now deceased, painted and presented to the church an oil painting entitled, "COME UNTO ME". which now hangs in the foyer of the present structure.

The church was re-roofed in 1937 and re-sided in 1939. In 1949 the pot-bellied stoves were replaced by an oil furnace.

The pastor, M.B. Knisel, and some of the congregation, seeing the great need for better facilities, started a building fund in the year 1951.

Sunday School Picnics Drew The Countryside

The band entertained the crowd in the forenoon, while folks met their friends, talked weather, crops, and politics, or told favorite jokes. Many more, especially children, crowded the stands with coins in hand, anxious to sample the wares.

When noon came, sometimes, the women spread the basket dinners out in one long picnic dinner. Or relatives and friends anxious to visit, might choose their ground and break up in a group, but anyone happening along was welcome to a bite to eat.

In the afternoon, events at the stage were added. Anyone proficient with a musical instrument was given a spot on the program, and the visiting schools presented group singing.

In front of the stage, planks were placed across timbers, providing interested ones a place to sit and enjoy the entertainment. Good speakers were available in the ministers, lawyers from Fort Wayne, or candidates for public office. No electioneering was allowed, but it was a good place for an aspiring candidate to choose a subject and get his name before the public.

The picnic was also a great place for boy to meet girl. They were dressed in their best and on their good behavior. Many a romance blossomed here to culminate later in marriage.

The band, taking over following the stage events, set up close to the stand. Folks could patronize the stand and hear the music, or move farther away and visit. It was a long summer day, and the picnic didn't break up until the sun was setting. The picnic accomplished two things. It furnished a happy day for those in attendance, and it made a little money for the church.

These were our ancestors, happy in the making of their own entertainment. True, they lacked much we have today. For instance, they couldn't step on the gas and leap into the next county, or twist a dial and tune in a radio or TV program. They had better than that — they had each other! For top social performance, man's fellowship with man is the most satisfying and hard to beat.

Besides the picnics, there were weddings, barn raisings, school activities, harvesting the crops, and sickness and death to be shared. Many great friendships were built up among families (not blood relatives) that have endured over the years.

And things for them were in pretty good balance. Hogs were six cents a pound; wheat one dollar a bushel, and cream sodas were five cents apiece. There was no threat of war, at the time, and no Federal Income Tax.

It's a fact that when we "gain something," we also must "lose something," and the old Sunday School Picnic seems lost to us forever!

P. S. The picnic described was by the Sunday-school of the United Brethren Church, located in Perry Township, Allen County, eight miles north of Fort Wayne on U.S. Highway 27.



THEIR BIG DAY—The young women pictured in the gaily-decorated buggy served as marshalls of a Sunday School picnic many years ago in Perry Township, Allen County. Usually, the marshalls were young men on horseback. The marshalls were marked by red sashes over one shoulder and tied at the waist. Usually the entire community participated.

The Year of 1967 at Union Chapel

At the end of June 1967, Pastor and Mrs. Frank Winterhalter were assigned to Union Chapel as the first full-time Pastor in our history. North Ohio Conference granted us Mission Status and allowed Church Extension funds to be used to help subsidize Pastor's salary and living expenses.

In July a parsonage was located in Mardego Hills, 11505 Gongwer Dr. The Pastor agreed to make the down payment on the parsonage with the agreement that the church would pay him back on yearly payments. He also agreed to allow his housing allotment from the Conference to be paid toward the house. It was Rev. and Mrs. Winterhalter's desire that the church would have a parsonage after they were gone from the field. The Local Board was happy with this arrangement and agreed, subject to the approval of the North Ohio Conference. The Conference agreed.

The August project became "Vacation Bible School." There were 70 children enrolled in the Bible School.

The lawn was well kept that year by Marshall Mosher, Gale Aikins, Kenny Aikens, and Roy Faylor. A new riding mower was purchased.

On September the first Choir was formed.

Interesting Highlights: Marilyn Badiac was selected as State Fair Representative. Nancy Hall entered Huntington College as the first student from Union Chapel. Guy and Barbara Morris moved into the community and became members. Fran Hay Jackson moved into the area and taught in DVBS.

We all worked together to build Union Chapel. The attendance that for years was running in 20's and 30's by the end of Oct. climbed to the 70's.

The Library was enlarged. Miss Joy Steager (Grove) worked faithfully to build the volumes of books and to get people to read.

Marscille Heck was chairman to host a "Good-Bye-Hello" party for Pastors. A great carry-in dinner was held. Raymond Dever read, "This is your Life, Pastor Staup," and Ralph Dever read, "This is Your Life, Pastor Frank Winterhalter." A gift of money and a coffeemaker was presented to Pastor Staup and a coffeemaker to Pastor Winterhalter.

Pastor Winterhalter was the head of Fund Raising for the new dining hall at Camp U.B. Money was raised in our church also. Over \$30,000 was raised. A Victory Banquet was held at Hillsdale, Michigan.

New people arriving: Mike Collins from Toledo, O., David Hay from Huntington, Shirley Carpenter, Linda Rost, the Holloways, Cusicks, and Warrens.

The first basketball team was formed: Marshall Mosher, Coach, Kenny Aikins, Ralph Dever, Scott Towns, Bruce Heck, Dan Heck, Mike Collins, Dave Hay, Mike Taylor, and Al Shilling.

A gorgeous Christmas Pageant was presented. Director, Pastor; Costumes, Barb Morris; Scenery, Al Scare and Bill Lincoln. 45 people were involved.

Christmas Eve was the first "Great Night of Carols" service.

Jet Cadets and Whirlybirds were formed for the youth this year.

The Hopewell and South Scipio Churches each requested to be made a station. The circuit was dissolved in 1955 and each church assigned a pastor. We shared pastors with South Scipio Church until 1967 at which time we received our first full-time pastor, Frank D. Winterhalter.

In November 1961, the four lots south of the original acre were purchased as the site on which to erect our new church and future parsonage.

Ground was broken for the new Union Chapel Church building April 8, 1962 with church trustees: Roy Faylor, Chairman; Clyde Spangler, Francis Heck, Dora Tonkel and Amber Steager; Class leader, Joy Steager; Sunday School Superintendent, Vayne VanBuskirk; and Pastor Rev. Robert Staup, each taking a turn with the shovel.

Excavation began April 16 with Everett Faylor doing the work. McComb Construction Company poured footings and basement walls the week of April 23rd. June 4 Carman Kuster and Sons, Camden, Mi. started construction.

The first service in the new building was held October 21st, after a March-in Ceremony from the old church to the new.

The new Union Chapel was dedicated Feb. 10, 1963 with Bishop Clyde W. Meadows leading in dedication. Francis Heck, one of the Church Trustees, dismantled the old church building.

On March 28, 1971, an annex was dedicated, housing a nursery, 10 classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, pastor's study and an office. The Sanctuary's seating capacity was increased by 50%. The building was converted from a contemporary design to an Early American style to blend in with the new Christian Education unit. The entire structure was re-sided with a brick design. Bishop Duane Reahm was speaker for the dedication ceremony.

Parsonage for the Circuit was purchased in Leo, Ind. in 1918. The parsonage was sold in 1956. The Hopewell church became independent. The Union Chapel and South Scipio churches became a circuit and the parsonage was maintained at South Scipio. When the Union Chapel Church became a full-time Mission church in 1967, the present parsonage was purchased under the direction of Rev. Frank Winterhalter at 11505 Gongwer Dr. in Mardego Hills. This is about a mile from the church.

Special days:

- Easter
- Children's Day
- Union Chapel Sunday School Picnic
- Rally Day
- A Revival Service
- Christmas

The reason for these events being limited to certain days and seasons was because of the circuit load of the pastor. Many times the pastor changed every year. People learned to support one another in prayer. They worked together even when they had no pastor.

Union Chapel in 1968

January got off to a good start: Sunday School was running in the middle ninties and church service began to hit the 120 mark.

A baptismal service was held for new converts: Guy Morris, Maxine and Jan McBride, Linda, Amy, and Penny Cantu, Ralph Dever, and Kathy Hamman.

Murland Anderson Built the library cabinet that presently stands in the office.

Pastor Winterhalter was Director of our Conference Camps.

Maxine McBride and Marscille Heck were two gals hot on the broom cleaning the church.

First Basketball cheer leading team formed with Jan (McBride)Blickenstaff as the head cheer leader, and Connie (Hobbs) Wells, Patti (Holloway) Moilanen, Kay (Cutchins) Smith and mascot Carolyn Morris.

1968 additions to BB Team were Dan Beiswanger, Richard Bonjour, Rick Faylor, Mike Lambert, Doug Miller and John Motz.

Jim Hampton and Linda Kay Norner, Linda Hall and Jim Harper were married during this leap year. Rolland Dever returned home from Germany.

A great series of Evangelistic meetings was held with Rev. Ed Mills former missionary to Japan.

Bill Gothard of Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars was guest of the Winter-halters and spoke at Union Chapel on Feb. 7th.

Floyd Lundy, with his family, from Africa was Missionary speaker.

The Local Cub Scout Pack started meeting at the church.

Belle Aikins was host for Ladies Aid. We had family night pot+lucks then.

We held our first "March to Sunday School in March" contest. Goal 125.

A teachers training class was held each Monday for six weeks at the parsonage.

Hopewell hosted the March Basketball Banquet. Coaches were M. Marshall and G. Morris.

The Organ Fund was started. Committee was Marjorie Holloway, Fern Hampton, Sandra Hubart, Ruth Winterhalter, and the Pastor.

The first Lord's Supper or Meal in the Upper Room was held. Hostesses were Irma Noll, Belle Aikins, and Fern Hampton.

Debt retirement campaign on the building begins. Sunday School classes raised the funds.

The first Union Chapel Conference Bible Quiz Team began. Captain was Karen Hobbs; the team was Bruce Heck, Ralph Dever, Connie Hobbs, Kay Cutchins, Charlotte Golden, Kathy Hamman, Jan and Pat McBride.

Magician LaDoyt Rodeheaver entertained at a Family Night Program.

Kenny McBride was winner of the Jet Cadets Bible contest.

Pew lets loose during church service. The old church pews were terribly uncomfortable and had been refinished and renailed. They still fell apart. After one let loose in front of guests we decided it was about time to do something. Beautifully handcrafted Amish pews were purchased with the help of the Conference. They were installed in September.

Nancy Hall married David Hay...they were in church the next day. Stephanie Hasty married Roger Schafer.

Gaye Merand became the choir director. This was a great relief to Ruth Winterhalter who had been playing the piano and directing the choir both.

The Church Auction was October 19th on Dora Tonkel's property. All money was to go toward the building project. The Ladies Aid had a lunch tent selling chicken and bar-b-q sandwiches. Crafts were also sold. Profits were \$1,077.17.

Two of our fellows were in Viet Nam...Roger Hubart, a new fellow, and Michael Van Buskirk.

Henrietta Sutera, who had just started attend U.C. gave her life story in the evening service.

College and Careers group formed..discussed "Death of a Nation" by J.Stormer.

Junior Church entered the picture for the first time with Fran (Hay) Jackson and Miss Lynn Avary as leaders.

Our College students: Patti Aikins, Huntington; Karen Hobbs, Huntington; Carolyn Scherrer, Purdue.

Fort Wayne Bible College students attending U.C.: Linda Rost, Katy Jacobus, Lynn Avary, Gaye Merand, and Nancy Hahn.

Pastor and Mrs. Winterhalter visited the Kentucky Mission; taking clothes sent by the church. Joy and Hazel Steager attended the C.E. Convention in Jamaica and visited the U.B. Mission fields.

Gifts to the church: electric IBM Typewriter, a Kirby sweeper, baby bed, Kodac Copy machine, and carpet sweeper.

In August the Union Chapel Youth presented the musical "For Heaven Sake" at the Denominational Youth Conference in Huntington. They also did the decorations for the banquet, the first decorated banquet in the Hub. A Spanish theme was used. In October the youth again presented the play for the youth convention.

Rerouting of drainage was done with Roy Faylor, Roy Deck, Bill Heck, Wallace Hubart and the Pastor. 'We've got to stop that water.'

\$2000 was sent to Conference in partial payment on the building.

Building Committee selected was: Joy Steaver, Guy Morris, David Hay, Mike Collins, and Pastor Winterhalter.

A 24 foot aluminum extension ladder was purchased by Roy Deck.

The Year of 1969 at Union Chapel

Our first New Years Eve Service begins. The Tony Fontaine film, "God's Country", was the feature. People enjoyed it so much they said they wanted to do it the next year.

There was an agreement made with the North Ohio Conference that if we would raise the \$5,000 toward building by the first of May, they would forgive us a not of \$10,500, so that the church could continue work on the new building project. We were at \$3,000 in January.

Jet Cadets and Whirlybirds continue to grow. Years winners were: 1st place, Ken McBride; 2nd place, Richard Dever; 3rd place, Becky Sutera; and 4th place, Connie McBride.

At this point the church is carrying 2/3's of the money allotted by the Conference. This is toward total support.

Home Bible study groups start with Mrs. Henrietta Sutera as Bible Leader. A number of ladies are showing up. It is giving outreach into the community.

Choir robes were given to the church by the Blissfield U.B. Church, Blissfield, Michigan.

Basketball is back in full swing. Richard Motz is leading scorer, Jeff Benward is next in lead. Team also includes Mike Collins, Bill Fleming, Bruce Heck, Mike Kilmerten, Guy Morris, and Louis Sutera.

Youth C.E. presented the evening service in January. Newly converted Steven Bush gave a message on "You're the key to opening other people's hearts." Bruce Heck introduced Steve with reading the background scripture for the message. The youth asked the Pastor to present ten lessons on Revelations.

Missionaries Hal and Carol Myers presented their work in Sierra Leone, West Africa. A family fellowship supper was planned.

The church gets involved in the first Lay Institute of Evangelism Seminar. Dr. Ralph Walls of Indianapolis was our speaker. He approached every person in the church and asked them, "Do you know Jesus as your personal saviour"? The Institute was held at Faith United Methodist church. Mr. Robert Lott was our chairman. Vayne VanBuskirk, Lou Wilkinson (a new woman in the church), and David Hay were the motivational leaders. Ruth Winterhalter led Roger Hoot to the Lord in door to door visits.

Mud, Mud, Mud....Why? Because the building is now on it's way up! Easter Sunday we are hoping to be able to occupy the classrooms. Pastor's design for the new building is selected above architect's.

The sign in front of the church is now being constructed, with the Christian Endeavor paying for it. Mr. Murland Anderson is building the sign, with Joe Holloway and David Hay helping.

Youth C.E. selects new officers: Steve Bush, Tom Click, Karen Hobbs, and Sandra Hubart.

Things happened faster than expected: Feb., and the new fellowship hall known as the Fireside Room is used for George Washington Youth Banquet.

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Guy and Barb Morris are hosts. "A Bit of Heaven," from Taylor University are the musicians, Mancyjoy Johnson kept the people laughing by telling experiences of being left on an island of Indians. Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Gladieux, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. VanBuskirk and Mrs. King did the cooking. It was a beautiful formal event.

Wedding Bells rang out in February for Marilyn Badiac and Harold Drudge.

A three act drama, "A Man Called Peter," of Fort Wayne Bible College was presented to the congregation.

Missionary Mrs. Emmett Cox speaks to newly formed Women's Missionary Association at the home of Marjorie Holloway.

The third Lord's Supper is held. Good Friday service was held at the church. Easter Sunday Sunrise service was held; breakfast following in the new Fireside Room. Hazel and Joy Steager became officers of the Indiana Christian Endeavor. They were installed at Huntington College.

Prophecy Conference was held, with Speaker, Winston Mazakis. Winston brought many enlightening messages. Tim Jackson was one of the youth saved during that conference. Today he is in the Ministry. It was here also that John Fitch was influenced to prepare for the Ministry.

Murland Anderson makes a new desk for the office. We had the furnace converted in the parsonage. Also this year we purchased 48 folding chairs, and 2 tables. Laymen refinished thirty-six desk chairs.

Gospel Light Quartet of Wauseon, Ohio, brought an excellent program.

May 4th deadline of \$5,000 was met! The first stage of the building and grounds is debt-free...Praise the Lord! We can secure our loan for the new unit on a clear title. Total amount retired by Conference was \$11,400.

Charles Dickerson, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission challenges our people.

Mildred Wildey had a sale of Harold's personal items..WMA provided a lunch counter.

Dan Deck and Angela Morris were born.

Operation "Helping Hand" was put into effect to help enlarge the ministry and take care of work around the church.

Wedding Bells ring again:

Linda Rost married Mike Collins (Presently Sunday School Superintendent)

Patti Aikins married Richard Harris (Now in Ministry in Peru, Ind.)

Carolyn Scherrer married Larry White (Now serving as Youth Director in a church near Gary, Ind.)

New people this summer, Bud and Rose Taylor and family; Lou, Tanya, Kerry Wilkinson; the Larry Favorites; Norine Davis and family. Rolland and Alberta Bowser move back to Fort Wayne and settle at Union Chapel.

First Union Chapel Softball team is formed.

Lay people come to witness and share what Christ has done in their lives: Charles Dicerson, The Robert Corys, Margaret Coker, Harry Herzog, and Dr. C.E. Carlson.

The Year of 1970 at Union Chapel

Prophecy Conference began Feb. 8th with Winston Mazakis leading.

Huntertown Area Easter Contata in Feb. directed by Mr. Hepler, music director of Carroll High.

A huge amount of toys were sent to the Kentucky Mission field by an anonymous donor.

L.I.F.E. - Lay Institute For Evangelism (Campus Crusade For Christ) March 8-15. Its sole purpose is laymen teaching other laymen how to win men to Christ. This group has reached over 7,000,000 students on 3,000 campuses.

Youth were involved in Young American Week. A co-operative program of youth all over Fort Wayne.

George Washington Banquet in the Fireside Room, sponsored by Youth C.E. Youth sponsored a "Young American Sing" in the Fireside Room. They invited youth from other churches to participate.

A short drama for the Good Friday Service was presented by the Youth.

Mar. 22 - The film, "The Gospel Blimp", was shown on a special Sunday evening. An hilarious film about a man who decides he wants to be a witness to his neighbors.

Mar. 9th we were inspired by the Gospel Light Quartet from Wauseon, Ohio.

Rally Day - Oct. 4th - Fantastic Musical Messages by the Songsters in the morning service, potluck dinner followed by an afternoon with Lawrence Meriwether, singing negro spirituals.

Oct 16, 17 - Six hour Teacher Training Course led by Miss Louise Kimmel, director of Child Evangelism.

The teachers' and officers' banquet was held at Platner's Steak House in Garrett. There were 24 who attended.

Goal set for average Fall Sunday School attendance is 155. Superintendent, David and Nancy Hay; Ass't. Superintendents, Guy and Barbara Morris.

Patti (Holloway) Moilanen directed the choir; her first experience at directing.

Big summer of camping - 41 people were involved in the camping program not only as campers but as staff members.

Joy and Hazel Steager attended the World CE Convention and European Tour beginning in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. From Canada they flew to Germany where they attended the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Gus Peter, a ministerial student at Fort Wayne Bible College was the Pastor's assistant as his Christian service assignment to the college.

New church sign is now put up. A planter is built at the base.

Special studies were held at the church: Lou Wilkinson taught, "Growing the Bible Way," Henrietta Sutera taught, "Witnessing," and Pastor taught "Spirit Controlled Temerment."

Lawrence Merriweather was the soloist for the Great Night of Carols.

Faith Commitments were solicited to help pay for the building.

Basketball team begins its fourth season. Ralph Dever and Steve Bush are assisting coach Guy Morris.

Youth have Winter Wonderland Bamquet. (This banquet was held for eight years.) It was a great time with homemade everything including ice cream.

Union Chapel girls form Volleyball team. They played at Huntertown school.

Sunday evening attendance for October and November averaged 81.

The organ was paid for December 12th.

March to the Manger brings the best gift to the Lord.

Love offering buys 105 New Testaments.

Louise Deck signs up church cleaners.

A pre-family-camp Rally is held here, with the Sutera Twins.

Youth participate in winter outh retreat at Pokagon State Park.

The Christmas Pageant was "Let the Angels Tell the Story."

The fourth annual Great Night of Carols featured guest organist, Mrs. Ruby Yoder.

The Men's Brotherhood is in the infancy stage. The purpose of the group is to further the work of missions on foreign fields, in the Conference, and at home.

Operation "Big Heart" helping needy families within the realm of our church.

"United Brethren" campaign reached 31 subscriptions. Has almost quadrupled in the last two years.

The Good News Club with an average attendance of 30 won the Missionary Offering Banner for giving the most offering. They won over 56 other clubs in the Fort Wayne area.

Youth Activities - Involved a lot of "Chips and Chapter."

The Niki Cruz Crusade was fantastic! Niki was the notorious leader of the Mau-Mau Gang in New York. Niki's conversion came through the ministry of Rev. Dave Wilkerson.

Baptisms in 1970: 6

The Year of 1971 at Union Chapel

March 1971 began the 4th annual March to Sunday School Campaign. David and Nancy Hay, Sandy Hubart and Lou Wilkinson were in charge. March 14 was Sunday School Open House. Ralph Bankson greeting, and music by Charles Kingsley, ladies ensemble, men's quartet, and "The Free and Alive."

Paul Graber, Charsie Miller, Susan Davis, Linda and Steve Bush and Marge Hubart produced a float to be pulled throu the community inviting people to Sunday School.

The Nicky Cruz Crusade was very sucessful; thousands were turned away. An estimated 14,000 youth and adults attended. Approximately 1,000 decisions were made for Christ.

Wayne VanBuskirk was appointed head usher; Lay leader was David Hay.

The Men's Brotherhood was newly formed with Roy Grove as president. Some of their projects are working on cupboards for the kitchen, putting down floors in fireside room, kitchen, hallways, and rest rooms.

Mr & Mrs Wallace Hubart were honored on their 30th wedding anniversary at at open house given by their children. Mr & Mrs Elmer Badiac were honored with a surprise reception in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

March 28th the Christian Education Building was dedicated. Bishop Duane Reahm was the guest speaker.

The Easter season began with the 4th annual Lord's Supper. Easter Sunrise Service was followed with breakfast fixed by the men's crew headed by Ralph Bankson & Roy Hasty.

New offering plates were presented to the Chruch by Mr & Mrs Vayne Van Buskirk in memory of their son Michael.

In April Steve Bush and Tim Jackson were in charge of a youth retreat. Mrs. Carol Crawford shared her experiences as a heroine addict.

Special Evangelistic services were held in May with Rev. Reinhold Barth as the speaker. He founded the Kalamazoo, Mi. Youth for Christ.

The Sutera Twins have recorded an album, "I'm Glad All Over."

Mr & Mrs Floyd Miller were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27. They desired that donations be given for lighting in the church parking area.

The P.A. system was a gift to the Church from Jeanette Franklin. A speaker was also installed in the crib nursery.

New People at Union Chapel: Mr & Mrs Robert Swartz & family, Mr & Mrs. Mike Deward & Son, Mr & Mrs Jim Nelson & Son, Mr & Mrs Douglas Selfe & Scott, Mary Zeck, Mike & Linda Collins, Mr & Mrs Winston Mazakis & Son, and Steve Obergfell.

In October a hayride and weiner roast was held at the farm of Carl & Joan Benz. 35 to 40 adults attended. Remember the flat tire on the wagon?

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The Jr. High had a hayride & weiner roast at the home of George Wilkinson. It rained! 12 kinds either received Christ or rededicated their lives to Him.

24 children turned out for the first week of "Good News."

Tim Jackson and Steve Bush are now teaching a Sunday School Class for the College/Career age group.

Instead of families sending Christmas cards to each other within the Church they put them in the mail basket to be distributed after morning service. The money saved on postage was used to purchase new books for the Library.

The 5th annual March to the Manger was held on Dec. 19th. The Funds collected were used to help meet our Huntington College Goal and also to purchase a new typewriter for the Church.

The WMA sponsored a Christmas Caroling Party at the DeKalb County Home in Auburn. Gifts for the mission field were opened. Boxes of canned goods, flour, sugar and other food essentials were shared with the less fortunate.

An "old fashioned" Christmas party was enjoyed by the High School and College Youth. Tim Jackson, Pam VanBuskirk, Tom Wulpi & Steve Obergfell were on the committee. All gifts went to needy families and caroling was done at a nearby hospital.

On Dec. 12 a concert was presented by "The Faith Foundation" from Huntington College. Dean Benz, Linda Bush, & Anita Crabtree were among these singers.

Conversions for 1971 were 24
Baptisms 9

The Year of 1972 at Union Chapel

An anti-smut campaign was formed by Christians who were deeply interested in seeing movies, plays, papers and literature cleaned up. Those on the committee were: John Rash, Vayne VanBuskirk, Randy Hitchcock, Paul Graber, Carl Benz, David Hay, Norm McBride, Guy Morris, Elmer Slents, and Frank Winterhalter.

Marilyn and Gary Holloway, Robin Martin, Lydia and Kay Cutchin made up the Union Chapel Quiz Team.

In February, the morning Bible Study group was fortunate to have Miss Eunice Catlen, a returned East Pakistanian missionary with them.

Many individuals expressed interest in helping Sam Winters ministry at the Inner-City Mission.

The money given to the Steve Bush Memorial Fund was to be used toward the purchase of a new piano.

240 people attended services on Easter Sunday. Mary Zeck, Linda Bush and Patti & Marilyn Holloway brought some of the special music. The service ended with a glorious tribute to our Savior as the front of the Church was lined with people coming to receive the Lord.

John Rash, Paul Graber & Marshall Mosher were in charge of securing a lawn mower. Roy Deck, Guy Morris & Jerry West were the committee to enlarge the parking lot.

A farewell supper was held in honor of the Guy Morris family. They moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

Ruth Kingsley, Pam Hitchcock & Mildred Rash were in charge of the Thanksgiving Christmas supper held Dec. 2. Food baskets were collected for those in need.

The WMA Christmas Party projects were the Allen County Home Gift Lift and Food Baskets. Jeanette Franklin & Marjorie Holloway were in charge.

The week of Dec. was Huntington College week at Union Chapel. The featured music from the college was "Truth Unlimited." Its members are Marty Kiefer, Cheri Kennedy, Mark Kiefer, Kyon Stouder & Kent Young.

Harold & Janice Ginerich were featured musicians on Christmas Eve at the Great Night of Carols.

Rev. Dean Benz, a student from Huntington College and a member of Union Chapel, was the speaker at the morning service on Dec. 31st.

Linens, clothing, cash, food and other items of use were collected for Tim & Fran Jackson. They lost almost everything in a mobile home fire.

Conversions for this year: 24
Baptisms: 14

The Year 1973 at Union Chapel

Congratulations goes to those who read the Bible thru in '72: Sydney Campbell, Louise Deck, Roy Deck, Sandra Hubart, John Rash, Mildred Rash, Ruth Winterhalter, Frank Winterhalter, Lou Wilkinson, Dora Tonkel, Maxine McBride, Norm McBride, Amber Steager, Hazel Steager, Marjorie Hubart, Charles Kingsley, Ruth Kingsley, Paul Graber, Nancy Graber, Joan Benz, June Randol.

Pastor Winterhalter was elected as one of North Ohio Conference's four delegates to the denominational general Conference in June.

"The New Creations" choir from Richmond, Ind. presented a program at Union Chapel. Patti Holloway was in charge of their lodging and food preparations.

Union Chapel has completed its first year as a totally self-supported church.

Much prayer and letter writing is taking place against the ratification of the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment), Also against the work of Madeline Murray O'Hare, atheist.

Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand was the speaker at a rally (Key 73). He spent 15 years in a communist concentration camp.

April 8th was Bible distribution Day (Key 73). Approximately 400 homes were reached.

The "Nutone Singers" from Goshen, Ind. shared their faith in Jesus Christ during an April morning service.

The "New Creations" came to share their music at U.C. So did the snow. Most of the congregation were snowed in at their own homes. Thanks to the Holloways and a miracle from the Lord, 50 people were fed and well taken care of.

The Good News Clubs held their big rally at the end of April. Union Chapel got 2nd place for missionary offering.

In May, the ladies of Union Chapel attended a Missionary Tea at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. Ruth Winterhalter was one of their speakers.

May 20 was graduation Sunday. High School graduates were: Amy Cantu, Vicki McBride, Robin Martin, and Dan Heck.

The Youth's Mission Project was to raise \$300 to support our missionary, Jill VanDeusen in Sierra Leone, W. Africa. Those in charge were: Frank VanOrder, Linda Bush, and Kay Cutchin.

"The Stephens Fund" was established for Don and his two sons who were severely burned in a basement fire in their home.

A High School/College Prayer Breakfast was held as a kickoff for the Key 73 Youth Events. LaDoyt Rodehaver was in charge. Pastor Winterhalter was chairman of the Youth Committee.

Key 73 Rally at the Scottish Rite Auditorium was held in June. The key speaker was T.V. Evangelist, Cecil Todd.

35 people attended a 20day retreat at Epworth Forest over Memorial week-end.

The Jim Strader Chorale brought special music to Union Chapel during June. Two of our youth, John Wilson and Sharon Brumbaugh, sing in the chorale.

This summer, helping out at Union Chapel we have Rev. Dean Benz and Rev. Dave Lloyd.

Wayne VanBuskirk drove a busload of people to Cedar Point. Lois (Baren) Bailey was in charge of the trip. About 15 girls from the Allen County Children's Home went.

Pastor Winterhalter was Director of Camp U.B. Mr. Herbert Meeks was speaker for Junior Camp. Kent Fishel and Mr & Mrs David Burkett for Youth Camp and Nan May for Intermediate Camp. Bernie Young was the Assistant Director.

Mrs. Ruth Winterhalter is serving as Director of Christian Education.

Rally Day in October was a time for food, fellowship and special music by the "New Revelation Gospel Singers" from Decatur, Ind. Sydney Campbell, Judy Click, Edith Mosher, and Mildred Badiac served on the Hostess Comm.

A new singing group was formed called the "Chapelaires." They are Edith Mosher, Joy Grove, Maxine McBride, Ruth Winterhalter, Fran Jackson, Kate Van Buskirk and Marjorie Holloway.

Those attending college this year: Dean Benz, David Lloyd, Sandy Faylor, Steve Davis, Sharon Brumbaugh, Robin Martin, John Wilson, Sandy Buckles, Kay Cutchin and Gheri Lincoln.

Lucille Aikins, Diana Keller, and Charsie Miller were in charge of a "Fall Festival" for ages 2-12. The children were to dress as their favorite Bible character.

Joy Grove was in charge of "Christmas Chords Amateur Hour." There were songs, duets, unusual talent and display tables for handcrafts.

On July 4th our Youth Choir under the direction of John Wilson presented the program at Family Camp, Hillsdale, Mi. Those involved were: Dean Benz, David Hay, Frank VanOrder, Doug Smith, Kerry Wilkinson, John Wilson, Tom Wulpi, Marilyn Bollinger, Sharon Brumbaugh, Joy Brunson, Sandy Buckles, Linda Bush, Sue Bush, Kay Cutchins, Jeanette Franklin, Sandy Davis, Sandy Hubart, and Tonya Wilkinson.

It is estimated that the Augsburg Crusade (Key 73) reached between 33 and 35 thousand people during the eight days.

Union Chapel has completed our second year as a totally self-supporting church.

The Christmas play, "The Star Still Shines" was presented on Dec. 16. It was directed by Marjorie Hubart.

Conversions for 1973: 20

Union Chapel in 1974

March---

The Fort Wayne Christian School Royal Choir presented a concert at Union Chapel March 24th. Members of the choir from our church were Linda, Cindy, and Becky Black.

We received a letter from Dr. Baker, president of Huntington College,: "In speaking for the entire H.C. family, I wish to thank each of you for your relationship with H.C. and the way in which you have expressed yourselves in prayer, financial support and in encouraging students to attend here,etc."

Four men of the church designed "Christ-centered" Christmas cards, with a Christian message. Tom Click and Paul Graber worked on the art work and Steve Campbell and the Pastor worked on the messages and printing. All profits went to missions.

April---

The Sunday School under the direction of Steve Campbell, Superintendant, embarked on a new venture for the total church, the Faith Promise Commitments for Missions.

Dee Rupp, who has worked with the Bill Gothard materials and scriptural principles, was at Union Chapel on May 17 and 18 to hold a seminar for Parents.

Bob Swartz collected items normally called junk and took papers and glass to be recycled and exchanged them for money for the Sunday School.

"Union Station Coffee House" was started to serve the young and the young at heart. The purpose was to share the reality and excitement of the Christian experience through music, testimonies, and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

August---

Hazel Steager attended the World Christian Endeavor Convention in Europe. Pastor's tract on the Unpardonable Sin was in final stages of printing.

September---

The Missions Committee met and decided that the most important needs that could be met with our increase of pledges over the original goal was unanimous that all of us take full support of Jill VanDeusen.

October---

Union Chapelites extended a helping hand to Honduras. Much of the mission field was destroyed where hurricane Fi-Fi made her disastrous sweep. The seminary building and many of our churches received extensive damage.

Dean Benz and Vayne VanBuskirk attended the Men's Congress at Muncy Terraces Pennsylvania 18-20th.

After a summer at a Mission in Arizona, Dean Benz was accepted as our Assistant Pastor.

Union Chapel has both given much and experienced many blessings from the camping program. Special thanks went to the VanBuskirks, Lou Wilkinson, Dave Strater, Kerry Wilkinson, Gary Holloway, Marilyn Bollinger and the Winterhalters who gave their time as part of the staff.

People came from all over the tri-state area to hear the Dave Wilkerson Crusade. Nearly a thousand young people and adults went forward to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Many United Brethren participated in lead positions in the crusade. They were: Don Stephens, chairman; our Pastor, a co-chairman and head of counseling; Don Duff, finance chairman; Paul Graber, publicity chairman, and Johnathan Edwards, one of the prayer breakfast chairmen.

This years 5-day Clubs were a real effort to saturate the communities with the Gospel of Christ. The clubs went into eleven communities and gathered the children together for five days of child evangelism lessons. This year we saw 245 pupils enrolled, 75 reported conversions and a missions offering of \$61.27. We praise the Lord for the people who opened their homes to us. They were: the Gale Aikins, Mike Collins, Bill Canadays, Dave Hays, Paul Grabers, John Rashes, Doug Sanders, Bob Swartz, and Frank VanOrders. One club was held at the church. The teachers were: Linda Collins, Cheri Lincoln, Edith Mosher, Tanya Wilkinson, John Fitch, Amy Cantu, Bob and Elaine Swartz, Frank and Linda VanOrder, Frank and Ruth Winterhalter, Dave and Jan Lloyd, and Charsie Miller. Aunt Lou Wilkinson worked faithfully getting everything co-ordinated for this exciting ministry.

1974 Conversions: 7
Baptisms: 3

Union Chapel in 1975

Missionary News: from Jill VanDeusen, Sierra Leone: "Thank you for the very generous Christmas check." Mr & Mrs Gary Brooks, Honduras: "Thank you so much for the barrels and box of clothing and food for the people." Carl and Phyllis Thomas, Kenya, Africa: The Thomas' sent some pictures of their work in Nairobi.

"Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories" donated to the Library by the people of the congregation.

April 16 a Senior Citizens Share-In was held. After a carry-in dinner, Leona Reahm, former Bishop's wife, spoke on Jamaica. Mildred Strater led devotions. The Morning Bible Study group shared with transportation and preparations for this meeting.

The children of our Good News Club sang at the Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne Sunday afternoon, April 27th.

A 5-Day Club for Special Education and Handicapped children was held during the summer at Union Chapel. Mildred Strater was the teacher. Nancy Graber, mother of a handicapped daughter, helped.

The Winterhalters have sponsored a Vietnamese orphan girl for 5 year. Le thi Kim Cuong is 12 and the Winteerhalters lost contact in January and support had to be terminated. Frank and Ruth are praying that the Lord will spare her life or make her escape to freedom possible and that contact will be re-established.

Pastor and Ruth are no longer a family of two. They were proud to announce the arrival of a new boy at the parsonage. His name is Mark and he is 17 (years, not months.)

Mrs Sharon Hoot is sponsor of Child Evangelism. Pianists were: Marjorie Holloway and Elaine Swartz.

Marshall and Edith Mosher are Youth sponsor and teacherr on Wed. evenings for Jr Hi children ages 10-14.

The Sunshine Class started Sep. 14 with three bright 'n brawny pupils. Tonia Graber, David Hasty and Perry McKibben began to learn about God and themselves from Mrs. Kay Smith. An effort is being put forth to begin a sports program for special children for our area and North F.W.

Sept. 6 and 7th a Fall Rally was held at Hillsdale, Mi. for North Ohio Conference Youth. Attending from Union Chapel were Dean Benz, Tom Wulpi, Mark Matuska, Alice Matson, Tammi Town, Patti Barkley and Bloria Badiac.

A 5-hour telethon on TV 21, World Missions TV Special, was aired Sept. 4. Roy Lockwood of World Literature Crusade was MC for the local portion. WLC is promoting a program to reach "Every Home" with the message of salvation. Tracts and literature are given to missionaries all over the world, including our own missionaries. Members from Union Chapel who helped were: Gloria Badiac, Wayne Sponhower, Elaine Swartz, Lou Ann Elkins, Alice Matson, Warren and Betty Fitch.

Dr. E.DeWitt Baker, Pres. Huntington College, was Thankoffering Speaker Dec. 7.

1975 Conversions: 17; Baptisms: 19

Union Chapel 1976

February---

As part of a salute to the Bi-Centennial year, we had a "Washington Potluck" on George's Birthday, February 22nd. The highlight of the evening was the speaker, State Senator Gene Snowden from Huntington. He has been known for upholding the truth and Biblical principles.

The Sunday School Executive Committee met and after prayer and deliberation designed a program that would give choice and provide for growth of individual Christians in our Sunday School. The Adult Sunday School was combined into two classes, Homebuilders I and Homebuilders II, each with a different study plan and no age separation. A rotation of teachers was planned to give everybody the opportunity to participate in the type of learning experience to help them grow and also share in the fellowship necessary to increase the number of people attending our Sunday School.

Recreation---Edith Mosher. Each Monday at 7:30 pm the young and old alike meet at the Perry Hill School for two hours of recreation. The gymnasium is divided in half playing basketball at one end and volleyball at the other. There was a donation fee of 25¢ per family. There have been 22 to 30 people coming.

Every Sunday Evening at 6pm a group meets in the library. This was the Christian Endeavor Hour and many interesting subjects are discussed. The discussions pertained to the Christian's walk in life.

Our WMA hosted the Conference WMA Branch Meeting on Wednesday, April 7th. This was an all day meeting with our WMA responsible for the lunch and evening meal. The women were asked to wear Bi-Centennial costumes.

May---

Pastor and Ruth shared with us at the retreat at Camp Mack on May 30 and 31. Fairwell Sunday was June 13th and Frank spoke in the morning service. The family retreat was Frank and Ruth's last week-end with us, a very special time!!!

June---

On June 20th the children ages 2-10 presented the program in the evening entitled, "Happy Birthday, America". Sandy Hubart, Alice Matson, and Elaine Swartz worked with the children.

Sunday School News----During our Count On Me campaign the class with the highest percentage of increase was the College/Career Class with 58%. Almost every class increased in attendance.

July---

Our new Pastor preached his first sermon at Union Chapel on July 11 at the 10:30 am morning service. He was the Rev. Gary Graham. His wife is Alice, and they have two children: Alisa, age 7 and Douglas, age 6. There was an old fashioned picnic, get to know the new Pastor, at Garrett City Park on July 17.

August---

Shari Danielsen was the director of Jr. Church for the coming year. There was 2 groups(if there was enough teachers); children 3-5 and 6-8.

September---

The WMA recently purchased some new pans for the church kitchen. This gift was deeply appreciated. They decided to send some money to be used at the Kentucky Mission for the new multi-purpose building.

October---

ICL Seminar is an International Center for Learning. It is an intensive 3-day workshop designed to train all of our church's Sunday School Staff. The dates are October 28, 29 and 30. Pastor Graham, Bob Swartz, and Lou Wilkinson are in charge and would like to have at least one person attend each age level.

Praise the Lord for the "increase" in the attendance of the Good News Club. When we first started we had 10-15 kids and now we have an average of 25-30. The boys and

Union Chapel 1976 (Cont.)

girls are praising the Lord for the new helper that we now have. She is Sue Bush and she is taking classes each Monday night at the Bible College.

December---

Music in the Chapel; we have a new group , The Men's Corale, directed by Pastor Gary. The voices that blended so beautifully came from Gary Graham, Bob Swartz, John Rash, Ray Martin, Joe Holloway, Paul Graber, Roy Deck, Marshall Mosher, Steve Hutchings, and Randy Hitchcock.

Conversions	12
Baptisms	22

The year of 1977 at Union Chapel
Gary Graham..Pastor

Youth bring in over \$400 from Rocka-thon.

Betty Fitch is leader of Wednesday morning Bible Study for women.

A family portrait album was done by the Church Directory.

The Noblemen's Quartet presented a program.

The men attend Men's Congress at Camp Calvary.

Friday evening fellowship held at the Warren Fitch home.

The Mission Conference had as the speakers Bishop Duane Reahm and Mr. Timothy Brunk. The goal was set for \$5,000: Jill VanDeusen is to receive \$2400, Sharon Frank, \$500, the Way Inn, \$360, Five Day Clubs \$100, Child Evangelism, \$300, Good News Clubs \$120, Camp UB, \$250, Benevolent Funds, \$200, and Future Needs \$675. Praise the Lord!

Quiz team was started with Gary Holloway, Captain, Tammi Towns, Co-Captain, Loren Mosher, Trudy Holloway, Debbie Deck, John Fisher, Tom Mumma, and Tanya Wilkinson.

Box Swartz wins the GTE Community Service Citation.

Amber Steager Day was held Marth 6th. A thank you to Amber for her many years of faithful service.

A Sweethearts Banquet was held. Response was favorable.

The Fort Wayne Christian School presented an evening of music.

The Good News Club was instituted for the Wednesday Evening Youth.

Special offerings were taken for the new Headquarters Building in Huntington Church has greeters for each Sunday, usually a husband and wife team.

A Teacher's workshop was held at Huntington College. Lou Wilkinson headed the enrollment; some of our Sunday school teachers went.

Note from Lay Leader Paul Graber:

Exciting things have been going on and the Power of the Holy Spirit has been moving in a mighty way in many lives over the past number of weeks. It is encouraging to see the Body of Christ ministering and beginning to function as Christ would have it to edify and build up one another. Halleluia!

Good News Rally held....Gale Mosher was the only child in the entire Fort Wayne area to have 4 years of perfect attendance. Dan Deck, Nikki Rash, and Melinda Rash had 2 years of perfect attendance. Nine others had one year perfect attendance.

Decoration Committee was appointed to decorate the front of the church.

Pastor Gary Graham attended the School of Evangelism by Billy Graham.

The movie, "The Chinese are Coming" was shown in May.

The WMA held a Mother-Daughter Supper....Erma Carlson was the speaker.

A weeks Evangelistic meeting was held at the church. The Evangelist was Willard McKinley, and Ken Kurtz had the music.

Graduates of the year were Gary Holloway and Tammy LaBorde.

WMA made a trip to Huntington, taking clothes needed for the mission.

The tape ministry of the church is still going on. It started in 1975 and many have used the tapes.

WMA Garage sale is held at Gary and Alice Graham's in July.

Mary Martin is choir director.

The traditional WMA Picnic was held at the McBride cottage at Big Long Lake.

More highlights:

Membership Committee workers were John Rash and Betty Fitch

Youth happenings are held at the Wilkinsons

Ladies WMA joins the Glenbrook Charity Bazaar

Parsonage walls were insulated and new roof was put on the parsonage.

Church helps in the Way Inn Missions project. People were sent occasionally to help out

Rev. Ron Ramsey was speaker for Denominational Emphasis Day

Basketball at Perry Hill School ran October throu February

Fellows cut wood for Missions

Bob Swartz became President of the Board of Administration of the Church

Thank Offering Speaker was Maria Schultz who was born in the Ukraine, Russia. She was saved through missionaries to Russia.

Gary Holloway was injured in a motorcycle accident

A garage was built on church property for approximately \$3200

Great Night of Carols featured Mrs. Myron Corll and Huntington and Union Chapel children singing

Night of Miracles was the Christmas musical with a 16 voice choir lead by Mary Martin

Personal Care Ministry was begun by Pastor Graham and Bob Swartz

WMA elects Maxine McBride as President

Conversions for 1977: 38

Baptisms: 2

1978 at Union Chapel

February started out our Annual Missions Conference. Jon Snyder was one of the speakers. Jon who attended Fort Wayne Bible College, was helping in our youth ministries. Other speakers were: Rdv. Michael Ngaiyah, an African Nationalist pastor in Sierra Leone, a student at FWBC; Rev. Daryl Cartmel, a native of Australia, with the Christian Missionary Alliance.

The projects for Faith Promise to Missions in 1978 were: Jill VanDeusen, The Way Inn, Bicycles for Sierra Leone, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Sharon Frank, Foot-operated suction device for hospital at Mattru, Our Bus Ministry, church building in Haiti, Teen Missions, and wells in Haiti.

On Feb. 19th we had the "Night of Gaither" with the children's choir, adult choir, and our Chapelaires. We also set a target date for the remodeling of our church, March 26th.

At this time in March our youth group was led by Lori & Tom Wulpi, with Shayne Looper, & Karen Wilson from Fort Wayne Bible College.

In April we were suffering an energy crisis so we discontinued all outside groups using our church for awhile.

In June Gary Holloway married Tammy Laborde. Gary has attended here since he was a child.

A Special Children's Day was held to honor our children in June.

In September, 1978, our former pastor, Frank Winterhalter and his wife, Ruth, returned to Pastor our congregation.

Jill VanDeusen spoke in September. Jill is the missionary Union Chapel has supported for some time.

Carol and Tim Lockwood started as new sponsors for our Youth Group.

Becky Sutura and Dale Briggs were married on July 8th.

The Ken Click family came home from the mission field. Mrs. Click is the former Patty Weaver.

One of the prayer requests for September was for Dan Deck who suffered from two broken arms.

In September our church banded together with other churches to support the "Jack Van Impe Crusade."

Bob and Elaine Swartz were transferred to Lexington, Ky. Bob was our lay leader and delegate to Conference along with endless hours of dedication to the Lord's work here at Union Chapel. Elaine kept everyone bubbling in the Chapelaires, WMA and everything she was involved in.

October was swamped with trips for the singles and youth along with a children's trip to Pumpkinville, U.S.A.

Thankoffering Sunday was Nov. 19th with Ken and Patty Click. All of the offering went to missions through the WMA.

From time to time we received letters from our young minister, Dean and Becky Benz and Tim and Fran Jackson. They remember Union Chapel as their home church and we remember them as part of our family.

In December the children performed "The Living Christmas Tree." We again had the "March to the Manger" in which the children walk to the manger to give gifts as the wisemen did.

Tanya Wilkinson was wed to Dennis Miller in December at Wallen Baptist Church. Tanya grew up at Union Chapel.

Sharon Brumbaugh, who attended Union Chapel at one time, visited us again on our "Great Night of Carols." She is now in a full-time ministry singing for the Lord.

Young People from Union Chapel now serving the Lord:

Dean & Becky Benz
Sharon Brumbaugh
Sandy Buckles
John & Amy Fitch
Rick & Patty Harris
Tim & Fran Jackson
Larry Ross

1979 at Union Chapel

New Year's Eve was celebrated here with several other churches. We watched "Future Survival," a movie portraying events leading to the Rapture.

Pastor and Ruth visited California through Shaklee Co. Ruth worked hard to achieve this trip as a gift. They attended seminars there.

WMA officers for 1979 were: President-Maxine McBride; Vice-President, Alberta Bowser; Secretary-Bernie Welling; Treasurer-Dora Tonkel.

Mr. George Aikins, father of Edith Mosher and Gale Aikins, went to be with the Lord on January 8, 1979.

April 7th Union Chapel combined with the South Scipio, Hopewell, Corunna, and Hudson United Brethren Churches, held a Mission Rally at Hopewell United Brethren Church.

In 1979 the total Faith Promises needed equaled \$4,880 and when collected they totaled \$5,350. We had seven projects chosen to support for Missions and we were very pleased with the love and attitude shown by all the people here at Union Chapel.

Rolland Bowser, our esteemed cook here at Union Chapel, retired from the Kraft Candy Co. He has always put much devotion and hard work into special events that require a meal. For all of us who have eaten some of the meals he prepared, we can say we sure appreciate him.

Eddie Muncie and Debbie Price were married in May and our youth group held a wedding reception for them here.

On July 1st we celebrated the 203 years of the birth of our country. Tom Waldfogel directed an ensemble for this event.

Mark Matuska, foster son of the Winterhalters, went to Germany with the Air Force.

Born to Roger and Nancy Hoot, a boy, Isaac Justin, June 3rd.

Doug and Kay Smith followed with their second baby, Marie Kay, born June 27th.

Ken and Patty Click headed toward Uruguay with their ministry this year.

Becky (Sutera) Briggs and Dale, became parents to Anthony Clinton, born October 7th.

The Union Chapel kids again performed "The Living Christmas Tree" in Dec. March to the Manger was also held.

"Great Night of Carols" was again provided by Sharon Brumbaugh & Robin Howard.

The Year of 1980 at Union Chapel

Jan. 19th the churches of the area got together for a Community Prayer Breakfast. This was a time to pray together over situations in the world.

There was a memorial dinner for Mrs. Amber Steager who died on January 27th. Ruth Winterhalter sang, "I Shall Know Him."

Jr. Hi and Hi School met Feb. 9th in the Fireside Room for an "Idiot Night." There were games, food and fellowship. Marilyn Holloway was in charge.

On the 15th the Hi School/Singles Group had a Rock-a-thon in order to raise money for missions and also the re-roofing project.

The Missipnary Conference began Feb. 27th. Some of the speakers at this meeting were: Ruth Ann Price (Wycliff Translators), Jill VanDeusen (Africa Missionary), Les and Mary Kline (World Vision).

After nearly a year of prayer, the Ethiopian Refugees, the Abebe Family, arrived safely in the United States.

200th Anniversary Day, May 4th, there were 122 in attendance in Sunday School. 30 of the children presented a musical, "Get on Board Children." There was an old original recipes picnic in the afternoon. Also featured were some old time costumes contests and the Gabriels Quartet.

There was a surprise anniversary party given in honor of Frank and Ruth's 19th. The surprise dinner was held at Chen's Restaurant and afterwards an anniversary party was given at the home of Mike and Linda Collins. Friends and relatives from all over showed up for the celebration, to the surprise of the Winterhalters.

On July 6 Sharon and Robin presented an Independence Concert and afterward there was a potluck meal.

Jill VanDeusen returned to Africa after battling for a year a disease that paralyzed her entire body. There was a farewell service for her before she returned.

Beginning in Nov. were the Focus on the Family Film Series by Dr. James Dobson.

The month of November was dedicated to the 200th Year Birthday Celebration of Sunday School. The month started out with Rally Day, Total Family Day, Children's Day, Thanks Lord Day and winding up with Missionary Day.

The Great Night of Carols, Dec. 21 was a beautiful candlelight service with equally beautiful Christmas Music from Sharon and Robin.

1980 Conversions: 4 (Youth not reported)
Baptisms: 8

Union Chapel in 1981

Bible Prophecy speaker, Winston Mazakis was featured in the Adult S.S. class in February.

Easter Contata "It Took A Mirache" by John W. Peterson was directed by Tom Waldfoegel.

"The Trading Post" is a valuable mission in our own backyard. Located in the basement of the church.

Student Pastor, Dwight Kuntz, student of Huntington College joined the Chapel in ministry with his wife Patti and four sons.

Junior Church is under way again.

The Third Trinity Singers, part of the Youth Group of Third Street United Brethren Church presented a musical in concert "I Love America", under the direction of Patti Kuntz.

The movie "Joni" came to Fort Wayne and was an inspiration to those who saw this unique film.

The Union Chapel Puppeteers performed "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

Youth Banquet - "Winter Wonderland" in Ole" Mexico. Doug Buetler, a student at FWBC presented the music.

Weedend retreat for the Singles was held at the Pastor's home in Garrett.

Union Chapel Women invited to South Scipio to attend their "Ladies Fellowship Night" with speaker for the evening, Char Binkley of WBCL.

The Mother-Child Dinner was held at the MCL Cafeteria at Southtown. The guest speaker was Candy Jacobs. Candy is the group leader in "Hope Alive" a support system for depressed women.

Ladies Prayer Breakfasts was established on a monthly basis with the dedication of Sandy Ice.

Youth Rock-A-Thon to raise funds for our personal mission of mercy to Appalacia.

Palm Sunday Evening - The Puppeteers and Children's Choir presented the musical "His Fleece Was White As Snow."

Solo-Venture '81 held at Hillsdale, Camp Michindoh. Three singles were involved from our church.

Mission Conference '81 was topped off with the "Greater Love Banquet" with a first hand report from Senator Marta who had recently been visiting the Ethiopian refugees.

May 17th Speaker, Bill Thomas, had just returned from the Philippines where he has been Asian Staff Director for Campus Crusade for Christ working in "Here's Life World."

Handicap Ramp was put in! Thanks to Denny Miller, George Wilkinson, and Denny's brother.

Church picnic at the McBride cottage on Big Long Lake. Day of lots of fun!

Son Shine Bowling League - We have the champs! Sixteen people from our church participated on the league.

Women Alive Retreat at Camp Michindoh had the theme of "The Lifegiver." Mrs. Carol Kent from Port Huron, Mi and Peg Rankin of Birmingham, Mi. were the speakers for the week-end events.

"Son Seekers" is being formed. Involves singles over 18 and marrieds under 40. A new Bible Study group meeting once a month.

Youth canoed on the Pigeon River in September.

"Basic Youth Conflicts" seminar was held at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Union Chapel had 23 in attendance.

Jill VanDeusen was with us for a short visit in September. She arrived home from Africa and is on deputation assignment for the Mission Board.

202 in Daily Vacation Bible School! Also sponsored 4 area 5-day clubs.

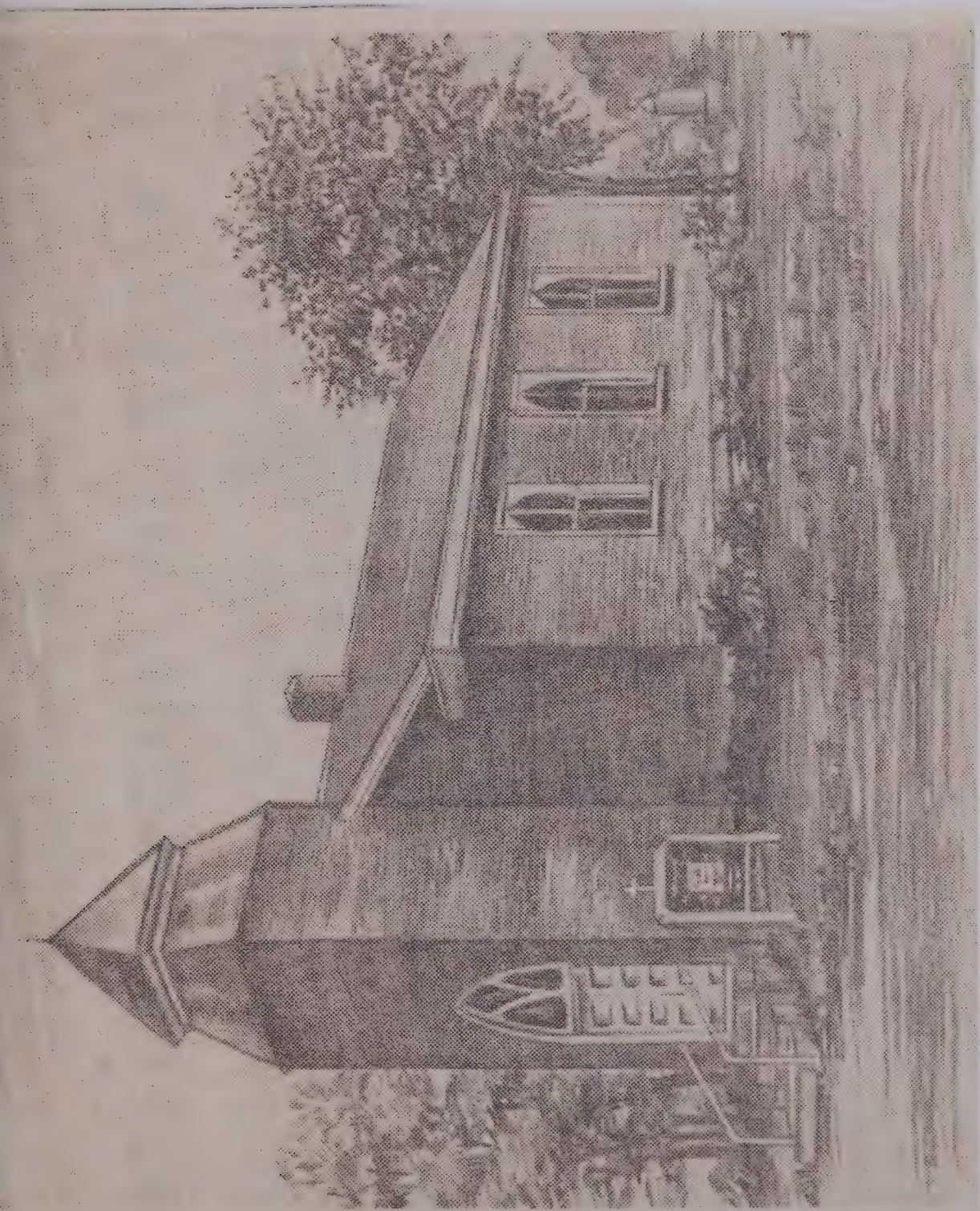
Youth Hay Ride at the Miller's. A treat and surprise for all who attend.

Group from church planning to go hear Ann Kiemel at FWBC in November.

Ken Anderson movie "High Point" one of the best films shown on the topic of combating the peer pressures was shown at the Chapel. Many young people attended the service and made decisions to follow the Lord.

The Jr. High youth will not be in "Good News" any more but will be in "New Life." This ministry is designed to move them from just believing to total commitment to Christ, as they begin to mature in their faith.

Special Evangelistic Night with International Evangelist, Joey Bochenick returning from Poland. He has a ministry to Catholics.



Retirement Photo



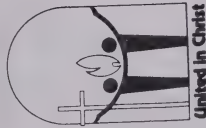
George & Belle Atkins





GREAT COMMITMENT

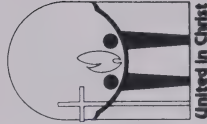
We at Union Chapel are committed to the idea of "The Great Commitment." That concept is that each of us will die out to self and determine to win people to Christ and the church. Church growth is seeing people come alive through the power of the Holy Spirit by being Born Again. It is discipling believers so that they deeply desire to bring others into a relationship with Christ. Our church is in a location where we ought to be doubling our size every four years. The Great Commitment is a challenge of the denomination that every church would double in twelve years. There is not a doubt that we have the potential to double. What really matters is "Do we want to?" There are only two desires in life. The desire to do my will and the desire to do Christ's will. If we are really Born-Again Christians we will be committed to do the will of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the glory may be of God and not man. Let's commit ourselves to doing the will of the Lord. Let's pick up our cross and follow Him. If Union Chapel has been around for 125 years let's build the church stronger then it has ever been. Be committed to the Great Commitment!



- 1927- J. R. Pfister (1st Quarter; later became
Linton Anderson head of theology in
Huntington Theological Seminary.)
- 1928- 1932 L. S. Roche
1932- 1938 J. F. Suter
1938- 1940 Walter W. Thoop
1940- 1942 Harvey J. Stahl
1942- 1945 Robert Hersha
1945- 1947 S. Duane Pettit
1947- 1953 M. B. Kinsel
1953- 1955 Raymond Walldorfe (Later became Bishop of the
Church of the United Brethren
in Christ)
- 1955- 1958 Willis Lechleider
1958- 1967 Robert Staup
1967- 1976 Frank D. Winterhalter
1976- 1979 Gary Graham (Became Conference Supt. and
Director of Camp Michindoh)
- 1979- NOW Frank D. Winterhalter



UNION CHAPEL



Fort Wayne, Indiana

Union Chapel United Brethren
In Christ

125 Anniversary Year

Union Chapel's 125th Anniversary Praise Service
October 18, 1981

Musical Meditations

Organ Prelude

Pianist

Margorie Holloway
Delores McCullough

Trumpet Introit

Bonney Blittie

Hymn # 233

"The Unclouded Day"

Introduction of Honorary Chairman Pastor

Welcome by Honorary Chairman Mrs. Dora Jonkeel

125th Anniversary Skit #1

Musie by

"The Ladies Trio"

Mrs. Marilyn Holloway, Mrs. Sandy Gee
Mrs. Delores McCullough

Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings
(Heavenly Father, thank you so much for being
our supplier down through the ages. Certainly
we can believe Jesus Never Fails.)

125th Anniversary Skit # 2

Choir "Rise Up, O Church"

Solo

Mrs. Denny Miller

Anniversary Message Bishop C.R. Miller

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Organ and Piano Postlude

We urge our Church family and guests to remain for
the pot-luck dinner following the service. There will
be food in case you did not bring anything. You are
most important and your presence is most welcome.

The Afternoon Service will be at 1:30 P.M. Special
music will be by "The Redemption Quartet." They are
an excellent group of singers. There will also be
Historical Skits and recognitions. Please stay.

Union Chapel Pastors

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(years of 1889-1894 Missing)

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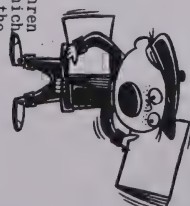
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History

Tells Us...



The heritage of the Church of the United Brethren
in Christ is rooted in the "Great Awakening" which
swept across the American colonies just prior to the
Revolutionary War.

The spiritual needs of the thousands of immigrants
pouring into the new world were unanswered by the
Europe. An expanding frontier gave birth to a new
manifestation of Christian faith with a strong em-
phasis upon the validity and authority of the Bible,
the power of prayer, salvation through faith and
personal experience, and the living of a vital
Christian life.

One of the earliest denominations to be formed
out of this revival movement was the Church of the
United Brethren in Christ. Upon the foundation of
this heritage, the church stands today as a strong
voice of Evangelical Christianity.

Building

His

Church

In the year 1856 the Union Chapel United Brethren Church was started in the Perry Hill Academy. The

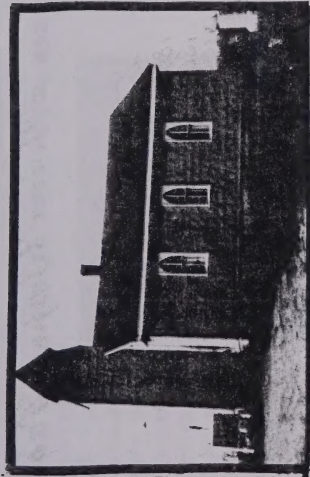
issue that brought these people together was the "Depravity of Man". The people who embraced the issue saw that man was lost in his sin and had no hope without Jesus Christ. People saw the necessity of men being converted by putting their faith in Jesus Christ. They knew it was the Atonement of His blood that would cleanse them from all sin. Those people had a strong belief that infant baptism, good works, nor catechism would save them. It was only man seeing himself as a sinner in need of a Savior and man placing his faith in Christ as his personal Lord. These people in Perry Township began sharing their doctrine and winning others to Jesus Christ.

In 1858 the people got together in a neighborly fashion and erected the above building that lasted for over 100 years. It was built out of native timber, on the corner of Union Chapel and Coldwater Roads.

The church originally was part of the Michigan Conference. It was on the Maysville Circuit. Many people talked for years about the 1904 Revivals on the circuit.

The area people remembered for years the Sunday School picnic that Union Chapel had. They were usually set for first Saturday in August. They were held in a grove of trees a half mile east of Union Chapel Rd.

After many years the congregation had a decision to make. The rural population was dwindling. The church building was weak and needed replacing. At that time much help was needed. The North Ohio Conference decided the church could stay in the community. They



helped the church to gain a second breath. The church began to build a new structure (See opposite page). The church was dedicated on Feb. 10, 1963 by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. It was a great day when the people entered to worship for the first time. There was running water, bathroom facilities, no pot-belly stoves or oil burners. The great thing was, there was class room space and room to park the cars. Rev. Robert Staup was pastor during this project.

In 1967 the church launched out on another faith venture. It decided to become a fulltime church by having a fulltime pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Winterhalter was chosen to pastor the congregation. The Conference granted church extension funds toward the project.

The congregation continued to grow. There was need for more seating space and more class room space. In 1971 an annex was dedicated. It increased the seating in the sanctuary

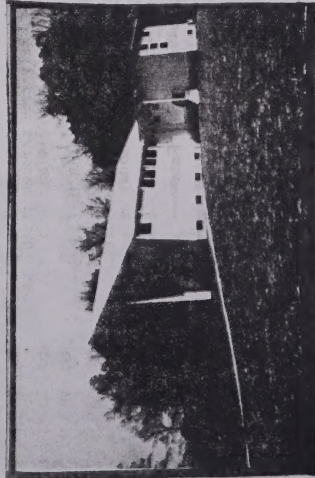
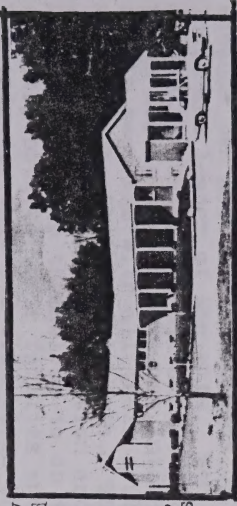
by 50% and converted the building from temporary design to Early American. There were 10 new classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, pastors study and office. The entire

building was blended together by brick. Bishop Duane Reahm dedicated the building. God has spiritually met the needs of the church in many ways.

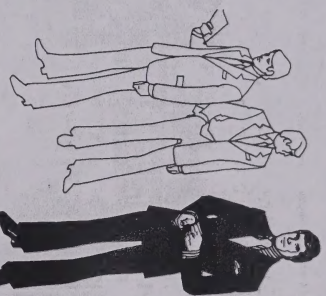
Within five years the church was totally self-supporting.

A garage was added to the property during Rev. Gary Graham's ministry. Pastor Winterhalter is presently pastoring here for a second time. We are grateful for the years of blessing and ministry that the Lord has permitted us in this community. It is a growing community, with lots of potential. We here at Union Chapel want to rise up to meet the need and the challenge. We are looking to the Lord for His leading in winning souls to Christ and lifting up Jesus Christ. Our desire is to continue our growth as we did in the first half of the seventies. "Except the Lord build the house the laborers labor in vain that build it."

Serving Christ through the ages.



This We Believe



We believe that Jesus Christ called Men to build his kingdom here on earth. His will is that the men would stand and proclaim the Gospel of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. For many years the women had to carry the responsibility of the church. It wasn't an easy task. We realize that today the church would not be here if it weren't for the women who cared enough to be surrendered to Christ's cause. Those women sacrificed, gave their money, wept for the souls of the lost. They prayed earnestly that the Lord would raise up men to bring the church back into scriptural perspective. Why men? Because men are to be the heads of the family, the lover and leader of the wife. Men are to make their homes like heaven on earth. God ordained the Church to be His agency to make men into His glory. He wants men to seek him with all their soul, with all their might, with all their strength. The true perspective is that the home is to function around the church. Men are to equip themselves to do the work of the ministry both to their families and to the church. The only way that God will bless Union Chapel United Brethren Church is for the men to continue to rise up and take their stand for Christ. They are to proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ is able to save men and women from their sins and cause them to be Reborn in Spirit. It is when men die out to self and they too sacrifice, give their money even when it hurts and weep over the lost souls of other men that the kingdom comes into proper focus and Christ is able to build His church so the gates of Hell do not prevail against it.

"Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things; Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings."
"Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait, Her strength unequal to her task: Rise up, and make her great!"

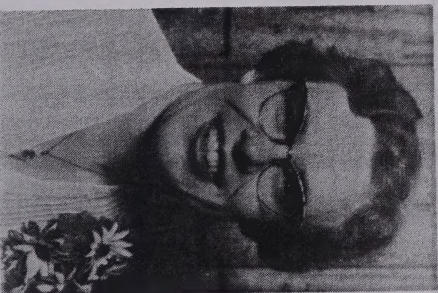
Honorary Chairman

The "Honorary Chairman" of the 125th Anniversary celebration of Union Chapel United Brethren Church is Mrs. Dora Tonkel. Dora became a member of the church in 1928. She became a Christian by inviting Christ into her life in 1927. She and her husband, Walter, served in the church together until his passing in 1954. She has served in various offices of the church. She was for many years a member of the Board of Administration of the church. For years she was a leader in the Ladies Aide. When the WMA was established in 1968 she began serving in it. She is presently the treasurer of the Women's Missionary Association. We praise the Lord for her eighty years of on-going strength and faithfulness. Dora is the oldest living member of the church.



Mrs. Dora Tonkel

Miss Hazel Steager



Miss Hazel Steager is the church member that has attended Union Chapel the longest. In 1924 she was brought in blankets by her parents, Charles and Amber Steager. Hazel started here in 1910. At the age of 12. She had a brother Jim and has a sister Joy. She has served Christ and the church all her life. She has been Sunday School Secretary, teacher, Financial Secretary for years, Secretary to the Administrative Board, Class Leader, SS Treasurer, CE Pres, and Lay Delegate. She has served Indiana and Northeast Ind. as State delegate to national Conventions. She now holds some of the above jobs. Thanks Lord for Hazel.

